

Alaska Produce Growers Conference

Tuesday and Wednesday
February 15 and 16, 2011

The Depot ♦ 610 S. Valley Way ♦ Palmer, Alaska

Tuesday, February

- 8:30–9 a.m. **Registration**
- 9–10:00 a.m. **Best Management of Irrigation and Fertilization for High Yields and Quality Potatoes in the Northwest**, Dr. Ashok Alva, Research Leader, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Washington
- 10–10:30 a.m. **Potato Update from Plant Materials Center**, Bill Campbell, Potato Disease Control Specialist, Div. of Agriculture Plant Materials Center
- 10:30–11 a.m. Break
- 11–11:30 a.m. **Potato Research and Experiment Farm Update**, Dr. Jeff Smeenk, State Extension Horticulture Specialist
- 11:30–noon **Ongoing and Planned Weed Research in Alaska**, Dr. Steven Seefeldt, Research Agronomist, USDA Agricultural Research Service
- Noon–1:00 p.m. Lunch by Step Two Grill — Real Mexican Street Food!
- 1–1:30 p.m. **The Alaska Farmland Trust**, Margaret Adsit, Executive Director, Alaska Farmland Trust
- 1:30–1:45 p.m. **Predicted Success and Benefits of Farm Cooperatives: Student Research Project**, Carey Thissen, University of Alaska Anchorage Student
- 1:45–2:45 p.m. **The Alaska Field Guide to Potato Pests Project**, Ronda Hirnick, Extension Pesticide Coordinator, University of Idaho and Janice Chumley, Program Aid, Alaska Pest Management Program, UAF CES Soldotna
- 2:45–3:30 p.m. **Alaska Farmer Food Bank Reception**, Eddie Ezelle, Alaska Food Bank
- 4:00–7:00 p.m. **Farm Safety and Health Workshops**, Shari Burgus, Education Director, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

Wednesday, February 16

- 8:00–8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:30–9 a.m. **Composting with Fish Products**, Jodie Anderson, UAF Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, Palmer
- 9–10 a.m. **Commercialization of *Rhodiola rosea* The Alberta Story**, Dr. Kwesi Ampong-Nyarko, Research Scientist, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development
- 10–10:30 a.m. **Effects of Irrigation on Metribuzin Persistence and Tillage Effects on Carryover Injury**, Dr. Jeff Conn, Research Agronomist, USDA Agricultural Research Service
- 10:30–11 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m.–noon **Division of Agriculture Update**, Amy Pettit, Development and Marketing Specialist, Alaska Division of Agriculture
- Noon–1 p.m. Lunch by Step Two Grill — Real Mexican Street Food!
- 1–1:30 p.m. **Small Fruits for Alaska Growers**, Dr. Danny Barney, Horticulturist, USDA Agricultural Research Service
- 1:30–2 p.m. **Division of Ag Innovation Grant Recipient Report: Sod Harvester**, Janet Dinwiddie, Pyrah's Pioneer Peak Farm
- 2–2:30 p.m. **Farm Equipment Maintenance in Alaska**, Randy Nabb, Alaska Tractor
- 2:30–3:30 p.m. **Farmer Opinions of Forming a Vegetable Processing Business**, Marie Domer, Don Berberich, Bruce Bush, Vickie Bush and Bob Schumaker
- 3:30–4:00 p.m. **Division of Ag Innovation Grant Recipient Report: Farming Off the Grid**, Paul Castellani, Will Grow
- 4:00 p.m. **Rhodiola Growers Information Meeting**, Dr. Petra Illig



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